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SUBJECT: OECD SCIENCE MINISTERIAL MEETING, JUNE 24-25, 1975-  
US PROPOSAL FOR OECD FOOD INITIATIVE

REF: USOECD 12722

1. US DELEGATE TO SUBJECT MEETING WILL INTRODUCE  
MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION ON SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA ITEM ENTITLED  
"NEW VISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES", PARA 3 OF REFTEL. AT  
THAT TIME HE PLANS TO DISCUSS NEED WE PERCEIVE FOR  
INTENSIFIED OECD COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH  
AIMED AT STRENGTHENING MEMBER COUNTRY PERFORMANCE IN FOOD  
PRODUCTION AND DELIVERY, AS WELL AS ENCOURAGING OECD  
MEMBER COUNTRIES TO ASSUME THEIR SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES  
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FOR DEALING WITH THE WORLD FOOD PROBLEM. IN KEEPING WITH  
AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE ADVANCE NOTICE TO MEMBER COUNTRIES  
OF POSSIBLE INITIATIVES, PARA 6 OF REFTEL, ACTION POSTS  
ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE DISCUSSION PAPER IN PARA 2,

BELLOW, TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN MINISTRIES FOR SCIENCE  
AND TECHNOLOGY (SEE ADDRESSEES IN PARA 4, BELOW).

2. U.S. PROPOSAL

-- SUBMITTED TO JUNE 24-25, 1975 MEETING OF COMMITTEE FOR  
- SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICY AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL

--- OECD FOOD INITIATIVE

ISSUE:

-- THE OECD SHOULD TAKE STEPS TO PROMOTE ENHANCED AND  
INTENSIFIED COOPERATION AND COORDINATION IN AGRICULTURAL  
RESEARCH AMONG ITS MEMBERS SO AS TO STRENGTHEN THEIR  
PERFORMANCE IN FOOD PRODUCTION AND DELIVERY, ENSURE  
MORE EFFICIENT UTILIZATION OF AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT, AND  
PROVIDE INCREASED ASSISTANCE TO MEETING THE NEEDS OF  
THE DEVELOPING NATIONS.

DISCUSSION:

-- THE RELEVANCE OF THIS ISSUE IS ESTABLISHED BY THE  
IMPORTANCE OF AGRICULTURE TO THE ECONOMIES OF THE OECD  
MEMBER NATIONS AND OF ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF FOOD AT  
REASONABLE PRICES TO THEIR CITIZENS AS WELL AS BY THE  
SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY THE ADVANCED COUNTRIES HAVE FOR  
DEALING WITH THE WORLD FOOD PROBLEM AND FOR IMPLEMENTING  
THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE.

-- THE INTERACTIONS AMONG THE OECD MEMBERS IN AGRI-  
CULTURAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ARE AT BEST MODEST.  
THE OECD COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE ARRANGES A MEETING OF  
DIRECTORS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH EVERY THIRD YEAR. ON  
AN EPISODIC BASIS, THERE ARE SEVERAL BILATERAL ARRANGE-  
MENTS FOR COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AMONG  
NATIONS WHO ARE OECD MEMBERS. BUT THE ABSENCE OF ORGANIZED  
AND SYSTEMATIC PROVISION FOR CONTINUING COORDINATION  
AND COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH IS NOTEWORTHY.  
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-- IN LIGHT OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SUCH RESEARCH TO THEIR  
OWN ECONOMIES AND TO THE PROBLEMS OF GLOBAL FOOD SUPPLY  
AND NUTRITION, IT IS TIMELY THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN  
TO FILL THIS GAP. IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED THAT THE  
OECD CONSIDER THE INITIATION OF CONSULTATIONS DESIGNED  
TO STIMULATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF COLLABORATIVE MECHANISMS  
INVOLVING THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTI-  
TUTIONS OR AGENCIES OF ITS MEMBER NATIONS.

-- THE OBJECTIVE OF SUCH CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE TO  
BRING TOGETHER THE LEADERS OF THE APPROPRIATE NATIONAL  
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS, TOGETHER WITH KEY  
MEMBERS OF THEIR STAFFS, TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION

ON RESEARCH IN PROGRESS AND DISCUSS THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
COOPERATIVE RESEARCH THAT MIGHT ENTAIL INITIALLY:

- AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON CURRENT FOOD PRODUCTION AND ASSOCIATED RESEARCH;
- DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMON INVENTORY OF RESEARCH FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, AND SPECIALIZED EXPERTISE
- THAT MIGHT BE SHARED IN MEETING RESEARCH OBJECTIVES;
- EXCHANGE OF TECHNIQUES, AND UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS TO STRENGTHEN RESEARCH PROGRAMS;
- JOINT PRIORITY SETTING AS A MEANS OF ASSISTING IN MAXIMIZING THE RESOURCES OF INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH GROUPS WITHIN THE COALITION;
- INITIATION OF COOPERATIVE EFFORTS TO ENHANCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE OVERALL RESEARCH PROGRAMS.
- SUBSEQUENTLY, IT MAY PROVE DESIRABLE TO PROCEED TO SPECIFIC COOPERATIVE OR COORDINATED MULTILATERAL RESEARCH UNDERTAKINGS RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL CROPS, AGRICULTURAL PROCESSES, NUTRITIONAL VALUES, PRESERVATION, ETC.
- AS A FIRST STEP, THE THIRD WORKING CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS OF AGRICULTURE OF OECD COUNTRIES, SCHEDULED UNCLASSIFIED

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TO MEET IN DECEMBER 1975, COULD CONSIDER THE DESIRABILITY OF DEVELOPING MORE FORMAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FURTHER COOPERATION.

- THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PROPOSAL WOULD BE MANAGED BY THE SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INDUSTRY DIRECTORATE IN COLLABORATION WITH THE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD, DAC, AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER SECRETARIATS, THE FAO, AND OTHER COMPETENT MULTILATERAL BODIES.

ACTION AT OECD SCIENCE MINISTER'S MEETING:

- IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE SCIENCE MINISTERS AGREE:
- THAT OECD MEMBER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY WOULD BE ENHANCED BY AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND THE STRENGTHENING OF COOPERATIVE RESEARCH;
- THAT THE MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH OF OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES CONSIDER COLLABORATIVE MECHANISMS FOR COOPERATING IN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH;
- THAT A REPORT OF THE INFORMAL MEETING BE SUBMITTED

-- TO CSTP AND OTHER INTERESTED OECD COMMITTEES.

3. FOR USOECD.

-- A. PLEASE PROVIDE DSTI DIRECTOR GENERAL OSHIMA WITH

TEXT OF US PAPER AND FACT THIS PROPOSAL BEING TRANSMITTED  
TO CST OFFICIALS IN MEMBER COUNTRY CAPITALS.

-- B. PLEASE INFORM AGRICULTURE AND FOOD DIRECTORATE  
OF US PROPOSAL AND PROVIDE US EXPERTS TO JUNE 11-12  
PREPARATORY MEETING FOR 3RD WORKING CONFERENCE OF  
DIRECTORS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH WITH TEXT OF PROPOSAL.  
HOWEVER, US PROPOSAL SHOULD NOT BE DISTRIBUTED TO  
EXPERT GROUP. US REPS MAY NOTE, AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE,  
US PLAN TO PRESENT PROPOSAL TO SCIENCE MINISTERS ALONG  
LINES NOTED IN PARA 1, ABOVE.

4. FOR OECD CAPITALS. THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES MAY BE  
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USED IN TRANSMITTING TEXT IN PARA 2, ABOVE:

BONN, SCHEIDEMANN, MINISTRY OF RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

BRUSSELS, STENMANS, SCIENCE POLICY AND PROGRAMMING SERVICE

CANBERRA, RAINBIRD, DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE

VIENNA, R. BURGER, MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

OTTAWA, TREMBLAY, MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

COPENHAGEN, J. KNUDSEN, FORSKNINGSSEKRETARIATET

MADRID, E. LARROQUE, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

HELSINKI, M. LINNA, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

ATHENS, MRS. EVANGELIDOU-TSOLI, MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
- AND SCIENCE

DUBLIN, D. MURPHY, NATIONAL SCIENCE COUNCIL

REYKJAVIK, S. HERMANNSSON, NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

ROME, R. LEVI, MINISTRY OF RESEARCH

TOKYO, NAGASAWA, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY

LUXEMBOURG, N. WEBER, MINISTRY OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

THE HAGUE, BOTTCHER, ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE POLICY

LISBON, J. PINTO PEIXOTO, FACULTY OF SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY  
-OF LISBON

LONDON, P. OOGERS, DEPT OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCES

STOCKHOLM, A. ENGSTROM, RESEARCH ADVISORY BOARD

BERN, U. HOCHSTRASSER, DEPT OF INTERIOR  
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BELGRADE, E. PETRIC, UNIVERSITY OF LJUBLJANA. KISSINGER

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